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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON HAMAS' RUSSIA AND TURKEY
MEETINGS

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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (C) On March 13, poloff delivered reftel message to Charalambos Hadjisavvas, who follows Middle Eastern issues in the MFA's office of bilateral affairs. Hajisavvas worried that Hamas' hardened rhetoric, combined with a lack of funding for the PA's daily government operations, would leave the Palestinian people with no choice but to follow whatever (extremist) paths Hamas offered them. He noted that Hamas' cooperation with Fatah would be critical, but stressed that the situation would remain unsettled until after Israeli elections.
SCHLICHER